Unemployment Youths in Gujarat

351. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVASHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) The details of total number of unemployed youths registered with the different Employment Exchanges in Gujarat;

(b) The number of youths come out for seeking employment from the universities and colleges every year during the last three years;

(c) The details of the youths given employment and whether Government have chalked out any scheme/programme to provide the employment opportunities to them; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL): (a) The total number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with different employment exchanges in Gujarat as on 30th June, 1999 was of the order of 9.34 lakhs.

(b) The number of job seekers with graduate and higher qualifications registered with employment exchanges in Gujarat during the year 1994, 1995 and 1996 (latest available) was of the order of 15.1, 17.9 and 16.1 thousands respectively.

(c) and (d) The placement of job seekers by the employment exchanges in Gujarat during Jan-June 1999 as of the order of 31.1 thousands. In order to provide gainful employment to the job seekers the State Govt, of Gujarat has been organising 'Rojgar Mela'. They have also started Pandit Din Dayal Sankalit Swavlamban Yojana besides the normal employment generation programmes like IRDP, JRY etc. which are being implemented.

Child Labour in Fireworks Industry

352. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that child labour is still prevalent in fireworks industry as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 5th November, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, 1996 has not been enforced strictly either by the Union Government or State Governments; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to enforce the various Child Labour laws in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL): (a) and (b) As per the news-item Child Relief and You (CRY) and three other NGOs had undertaken a study on the children working